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"(c) The exemptions have been granted to avoid inconvenience to the public and in view of the Special nature of certain employments.

"(d) The exemptions have been granted under sections 6 and 32 (3) of the Act.

"(e) No, Sir. The views of the employees were not ascertained but their interests were always kept in view.

"(f) No, Sir. The Act does not require previous publication of proposals for exemption."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" In view of the fact that exemptions granted at the request of employers are likely to lead to strikes and other forms of protest by employees, will the Government consider the desirability of affording reasonable opportunity to the employees to present their case before passing orders granting exemption?"

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" Certain establishments like the advocates' chambers, doctors' consulting rooms, and dispensaries and hospitals have been exempted. In cases where exemptions have been granted, the interests of workers have always been kept in view and sufficient safeguards have been taken to see that the interests of workers do not in the least suffer."

Rayalaseema Co-operative Enquiry Committee.

* 105 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether the Government have arrived at decisions on the various recommendations of the Rayalaseema Co-operative Enquiry Committee?

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" (a) The recommendations of the Committee relating to the financing of agriculturists for long and short terms and the reorganization and supervision of the village primary societies in Rayalaseema are still under the consideration of the Government. As regards the other recommendations, orders have already been issued by the Government."

Action taken against the Panchayat Board, Buchireddipalayam.

* 106 *Q.*—SRI L. SUBBARAMA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether any petitions have been received by the Government alleging mismanagement and misuse of the funds of the Panchayat Board, Buchireddipalayam in Nellore district;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by the Government to enquire into those petitions; and

(c) if a report is received, what action the Government propose to take?